

Amendments to the Claims

1. (Previously Presented) A disposable diaper which has a substantially elongate configuration and comprises a main body having a pair of side edges, and the main body having a liquid-permeable topsheet, a liquid-impermeable backsheet, a liquid-retentive absorbent member interposed between said topsheet and said backsheet and a pair of fastening tapes provided on respective side edges of said main body,

a waist opening portion and an under-waist portion being present in a portion of the diaper, with the under-waist portion having said fastening tapes attached thereto, the waist opening portion being provided with a continuous waist elastic member in a width direction of the diaper, and the under-waist portion being positioned right below the waist opening portion and being provided with a plurality of under-waist elastic members, in the width direction of the diaper, and

a pair of longer side portions of said diaper being respectively provided with a pair of leg elastic members,

wherein said under-waist elastic members are fixedly disposed in at least areas extending outwardly from each longer side of the absorbent member in their stretched state so as to manifest

contractibility but are not disposed in at least a middle of an area where said absorbent member exists, and said under-waist portion has a greater extension stress than said waist opening portion in a width direction of the diaper.

2. (Original) The disposable diaper according to claim 1, wherein said fastening tapes each have a fastening part which mechanically engages with a landing zone.

3. (Original) The disposable diaper according to claim 1, wherein said under-waist elastic members are fixed between sheets making up said main body.

4. (Previously Presented) The disposable diaper according to claim 3, wherein each of said pair of leg elastic members are disposed along an inwardly curved line, said under-waist elastic members are disposed in an area nearer to a middle of the width direction of said diaper, than respective ends of said pair of leg elastic members in said portion having said pair of fastening tapes.

5. (NEW) A disposable diaper which has a substantially elongate configuration having a first end portion at one end

thereof, and a second end portion at a second end thereof, and comprising a main body having a pair of side edges, and the main body having a liquid-permeable topsheet, a liquid-impermeable backsheet, a liquid-retentive absorbent member interposed between said topsheet and said backsheet and a pair of fastening tapes provided on respective side edges of said main body,

a waist opening portion and an under-waist portion being present on the first end portion of said diaper, with the under-waist portion having said fastening tapes directly attached thereto, the waist opening portion being provided with a continuous waist elastic member in a width direction of the diaper, and the under-waist portion being positioned directly below the waist opening portion and being provided with a plurality of under-waist elastic members, in the width direction of the diaper, and

a pair of longer side portions of said diaper being respectively provided with a pair of leg elastic members,

wherein said under-waist elastic members are fixedly disposed in at least areas extending outwardly from each longer side of the absorbent member in their stretched state so as to manifest contractibility but are not disposed in at least a middle of an area where said absorbent member exists, and said under-waist

portion has a greater extension stress than said waist opening portion in a width direction of the diaper.

6. (NEW) The disposable diaper according to claim 5, wherein said fastening tapes each have a fastening part which mechanically engages with a landing zone.

7. (NEW) The disposable diaper according to claim 5, wherein said under-waist elastic members are fixed between sheets making up said main body.

8. (NEW) The disposable diaper according to claim 7, wherein each of said pair of leg elastic members are disposed along an inwardly curved line, said under-waist elastic members are disposed in an area nearer to a middle of the width direction of said diaper, than respective ends of said pair of leg elastic members in said portion having said pair of fastening tapes.